"The Government of Ethiopia has a responsibility to protect its citizens in all parts of the country from any acts of terrorism. The government of Ethiopia will continue to counter the TPLF's destruction, violence and killings in the Amhara region and elsewhere."

■ Government Spokesperson

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